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Berlin Contingency Planning

In meeting with British and French Ambassadors (Caccia and Alphanth)

May 1 Murphy called attention to difficulties Embassies at Bonn have

encountered in developing recommendations for identification and

checkpoint procedures (cf Bonn's 2349 and Department's G-474 to Bonn),

informed Ambassadors US is studying possibility of countermeasures

outside Germany, and summarized progress in establishment General Norstad's

tripartite staff.

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Alphand

made no comments of interest. It was agreed Embassies at Bonn should be instructed take more flexible positions in developing recommendations re procedures.

Re countermeasures outside Germany, Murphy cited as possible examples action against Soviet airlines and merchant vessels, termination of non-diplomatic contacts, and condemnatory resolution in UN. Said we should be thinking about these matters now, with view exercising leverage on Soviets in Soviets' awareness of this serious planning could be effective. forthcoming negotiations. / US study at this stage is concentrating on ~~Soviets~~ ~~awareness of this serious planning could be effective~~ examination of U.S. and Allied capabilities. Caccia appeared receptive to idea of such study, but will check Foreign office. Alphand noncommittal but obviously wary of any action involving UN.

Re tripartite staff, Murphy gave Ambassadors orally gist of General Norstad's April 14 memo.

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